

THE JACKKNIFE: STUDENT-T CONFIDENCE LIMITS  
AND SUBSAMPLING IN BLOCKS

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## SUMMARY

This article presents a simplified account of the theory of jackknife confidence limits with reference to the effects of s-at-a-time omission. Both the naive and a modified Student-t approximation are considered for the standardized jackknifed estimator. Monte Carlo results for the cases of variance and correlation parameters indicate the inference robustness of Student-t approximations and suggest the possible utility of multiple omission.

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## 1. Introduction

Jackknifing of a sample statistic is useful in reducing bias and in permitting calculation of a robust standard error for the statistic. After Tukey's (1958) extension of Quenouille's (1956) proposal, most theoretical work on the jackknife method has focussed on large-sample properties in quite complex situations; see Miller (1974). The usual description of the jackknife method for homogeneous data involves one-at-a-time omission, since this is correctly thought to be more efficient than s-at-a-time omission for  $s \geq 2$ ; theoretical work in support of one-at-a-time omission is reported by Rao and Webster (1966). However, with moderately large samples, and without the support of highspeed computing machinery, the s-at-a-time omission scheme may save a large amount of computing, while sacrificing little in statistical efficiency; this point is made by Mosteller and Tukey (1968, pp. 144-145). Of course in non-homogeneous situations, such as arise with stratified or hierarchical sampling, some blocking of the data may be necessary to obtain validity of the jackknife method; see Kish and Frankel (1974).

This article presents a simplistic account of jackknife theory including the effects of general s-at-a-time omission. Both the naive and a modified Student-t approximation are considered for the standardized jackknife estimator. Monte Carlo results for jackknife confidence intervals on variance and correlation parameters indicate the usefulness of Student-t approximations and suggest the possible utility of multiple omission.

The basic theory is outlined in Section 2. In Section 3 a data-based t-approximation is tentatively suggested. Simulation results for variance and correlation parameters are reported in Section 4, following which some tentative conclusions and additional remarks are made in Section 5.

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## 2. Some Elementary Theory for Homogeneous Data

In the simplest situation to which the jackknife applies, an observation  $y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$  is available on the random variable  $Y = (Y_1, \dots, Y_n)$ , where these  $n$  components are exchangeable. Suppose that  $T_n = t(Y)$  is an estimator for the scalar parameter  $\mu$ , and let the vector  $Y$  be partitioned randomly into  $g$  groups or blocks each of size  $s$ ; we assume that  $n = gs$  for simplicity. The following is a brief description of the jackknife method for reducing bias of  $T_n$  and estimating its standard error in the above set-up.

Define

$$T_{n,s;-j} = t(Y \text{ omitting block } j) \quad (j = 1, \dots, g) \quad (1)$$

and the pseudo-value

$$P_{n,s;-j} = gT_n - (g-1)T_{n,s;-j} \quad (j = 1, \dots, g). \quad (2)$$

Then the jackknifed estimator of  $\mu$  is

$$T_{n,s}^* = g^{-1} \sum_{j=1}^g P_{n,s;-j} \quad (3)$$

and the estimated variance of  $T_{n,s}^*$  (or  $T_n$ ) is  $V_{n,s}$  where

$$V_{n,s} = \{g(g-1)\}^{-1} \sum_{j=1}^g (P_{n,s;-j} - T_{n,s}^*)^2. \quad (4)$$

The extent to which  $V_{n,s}$  is an accurate estimate of  $\text{var}(T_{n,s}^*)$  depends on the accuracy with which  $T_n$  may be approximated by an unweighted average  $n^{-1} \sum a(Y_j)$ ; when such a representation is exact, (4) is a sample variance. To understand the effects of different choices of  $s$  it is instructive to examine this special case in some detail.

Suppose, then, that

$$T_n = n^{-1} \sum_{j=1}^n a(Y_j) = n^{-1} \sum_{j=1}^n X_j, \quad (5)$$

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say; in practice the form  $a(\cdot)$  may be unknown, of course. It is convenient to relabel  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  as  $X_{11}, \dots, X_{1s}, X_{21}, \dots, \dots, X_{g1}, \dots, X_{gs}$  to ease reference of particular blocks. Straightforward application of the definitions (1) - (4) then shows that

$$P_{n,s;-j} = \bar{X}_{j.}, T_{n,s}^* \equiv T_n = \bar{X}_{..} \quad (6)$$

and

$$V_{n,s} = \{g(g-1)\}^{-1} \sum_{j=1}^g (\bar{X}_{j.} - \bar{X}_{..})^2, \quad (7)$$

If we assume  $T_n$  to be an estimator of  $\mu = E(X)$  and denote  $\text{var}(X)$  by  $\sigma^2$ , then it follows that

$$E(T_{n,s}^*) \equiv \mu, \text{var}(T_{n,s}^*) \equiv n^{-1} \sigma^2, \quad (8)$$

$$E(V_{n,s}) \equiv n^{-1} \sigma^2, \quad (9)$$

and

$$n^2 \text{var}(V_{n,s}) = \frac{2\sigma^4}{g-1} \left(1 + \frac{\gamma_2}{2s}\right), \quad (10)$$

where  $\gamma_2$  is the fourth standardized cumulant of  $X$ . The last result is an important one. If we were to use a Student-t approximation to

$$\frac{(T_{n,s}^* - \mu)}{\sqrt{V_{n,s}}}, \quad (11)$$

then the nominal degrees of freedom would be  $g-1$ , and if  $\gamma_2 = 0$  the necessary chi-square approximation to  $V_{n,s}$  would be very accurate. However, in general  $\gamma_2 \neq 0$  and it is clear from (10) that the chi-square approximation to  $V_{n,s}$  is more accurate the larger is  $s$ . Thus loss in



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degrees of freedom may be accompanied by increased reliability of the Student-t approximation to (11) when  $s$  increases.

In general the form (5) only holds approximately, the full representation in regular problems being expressible as

$$T_n = \mu + b_n + n^{-1} \sum c(Y_j) + n^{-1} d_n(Y) , \quad (12)$$

where  $b_n = o(1)$  is a constant,  $E\{c(Y)\} = 0$ , and  $d_n(Y) = o_p(1)$ . For most common problems  $b_n$  may be expanded in powers of  $n^{-1}$ , and the term in  $n^{-1}$  is then absent from  $T_{n,s}^*$ . The relevance of the above discussion about  $V_{n,s}$  and the Student-t approximation to (11) then depends on how negligible  $d_n(Y)$  is, and on the accuracy of normal approximation to  $n^{-1} \sum c(Y_j)$ . As to the latter, this is controllable to some extent in that we may often work with a transformed version of  $T_n$  (such as the logarithm of a sample variance or the Fisher z-transform of a sample correlation coefficient) which is known to reduce the skewness and/or kurtosis of  $T_n$ .

The effect of the remainder term  $d_n(Y)$  on  $V_{n,s}$  may depend very much on  $s$ , and we might be concerned that the results (9) and (10), now only approximations, are inaccurate for usefully large values of  $s$ . Theoretical investigation of this problem is very complicated, and possibly a little misleading since large-sample approximations would inevitably be required. The alternative approach of Monte Carlo investigation is pursued on a small scale in Section 4 for two commonly-used statistics.

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### 3. A Simple Modification to the t-approximation

It was suggested in the discussion following equation (10) that for small  $s$  the jackknife variance estimate  $V_{n,s}$  could behave quite non-normally due to the fourth cumulant  $\gamma_2$ . Thus the nominal  $g-1$  degrees of freedom associated with  $V_{n,s}$  might lead to inaccurate Student-t approximations. This is indeed the case when  $T_n$  is  $\log_e(\text{sample variance})$  or  $\tanh^{-1}(\text{sample correlation})$  and  $s = 1$ . We therefore consider a simple modification to the degrees of freedom.

The basic approach we take is to approximate the distribution of  $nV_{n,s}$  by that of  $\sigma^2 \chi_d^2 \div d$ ; to estimate  $d$  from the data; and to use  $d$  as a replacement for  $g-1$  as the degrees of freedom in the Student-t approximation for (11). There are two fairly extreme choices for the estimation of  $d$ , one of which is to use (10) together with the raw moment estimate  $c_2$  of  $\gamma_2$  to obtain

$$(g-1)^{-1} \{1 + c_2/(2s)\} = d^{-1} ;$$

the other extreme is to jackknife  $nV_{n,s}$  in order to obtain an estimate of its variance, and equate that estimate to  $2n^2 V_{n,s} \div d$ , which is the estimated variance of  $\sigma^2 \chi_d^2 \div d$ . The latter approach is more in the spirit of the jackknife, but clearly would lead to complicated calculation in practice. We opt for the following compromise. Consider  $gV_{n,s}$  as defined by (4) to be the sample variance of  $g$  numbers  $P_{n,s;-j}$  (rather than a complicated function of the original data), and use the formula for jackknife variance of a sample variance to estimate the variance of  $gV_{n,s}$ . This leads simply to

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$$K_{n,s} = \text{est. var}(V_{n,s}) = \frac{\sum (P_{n,s;-j} - T_{n,s}^*)^2}{g(g-1)(g-2)^2} - \frac{gV_{n,s}^2}{(g-2)^2} . \quad (13)$$

From the contemplated  $\sigma^2 \chi_d^2 \div d$  approximation to  $gV_{n,s}$  we derive as the estimate for  $d$

$$d_{n,s} = 2V_{n,s}^2 \div K_{n,s} . \quad (14)$$

It should be emphasized that this is a rather crude use of double-jackknifing, and that superior t-approximations may be available. However,  $d_{n,s}$  is very easy to compute, and works reasonably well for some situations, as we shall see in the next section. One thing is reasonably clear, that estimation of the appropriate  $d$  is likely to be unstable for small values of  $g$ . Also the chi-square approximation to  $gV_{n,s}$  is likely to be inaccurate in the tails.

#### 4. Some Simulation Results

In order to determine if the foregoing development has some practical substance, we consider some simulated results concerning the sample variance and the sample bivariate correlation. The simulations reported are rather preliminary in scope, and are often based on only 500 repetitions of each situation, but some fairly clear indications are obtained concerning the usefulness of the Student-t confidence limits.

##### Case 1: The sample variance

Given the set of data  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$ , let

$$S_n^2 = (n-1)^{-1} \sum (Y_j - \bar{Y})^2$$

and define  $T_n = \log_e S_n^2$ , which is the variance-stabilized form of  $S_n^2$ .

A fairly detailed account of the jackknife in this situation has been given by Miller (1968), although his numerical results are rather suspect. The kurtosis index  $\gamma_2$  is typically rather large here; for example  $\gamma_2 = 6$  for normally distributed data.

The simulations reported here involve three sampling distributions, namely

NOR = normal, DEXP = double exponential, EXP = exponential.

Also three sample sizes were used,  $n = 10, 24$  and  $50$ . The number of simulated repetitions of each specific case was usually 1000. Table 1 gives a representative set of empirical means and variances of  $T_n$ ,  $T_{n,s}^*$ , and  $V_{n,s}$ . Also given in each case is the mean of  $K_{n,s}$ , the estimate of  $\text{var}(V_{n,s})$  defined in Section 3. General features to note are (i) the approximate lack of bias of  $V_{n,s}$ , (ii) the slow increase of  $\text{var}(V_{n,s})$  with  $s$ , (iii) the overestimation of  $\text{var}(V_{n,s})$  by  $K_{n,s}$ . One might, then, anticipate relatively





small loss of efficiency for jackknife standard errors computed from group pseudo-values ( $s > 1$ ); but confidence limits based on  $K_{n,s}$  seem to have a poor prospect.

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The corresponding results for confidence limits are given in Table 2, the three confidence limit types being denoted

$t_{\infty}$  = normal approximation

$t_{g-1}$  = Student-t approximation with d.f. = no. groups - 1

$t_d$  = Student-t approximation with d.f. = estimated  $d_{n,s}$  of (14).

The results are given in terms of empirical error rates, i.e. non-coverage rates, for nominal error rates 0.2, 0.1, .05 and .01. Standard errors for the empirical rates are roughly equal to error rate  $\div 30$ , but for a given sample size all simulated samples are constructed from the same pseudo-random numbers.

The general impression given by Table 2 is that the  $t_{g-1}$  approximation is preferable to  $t_{\infty}$ , that it tends to be conservative for  $s = 1$ , but becomes very accurate as  $s$  increases. These impressions are particularly strong in the double-exponential situations. Further, the "estimated d.f." approach is very successful when  $g$  is large, but is rather unsuccessful when  $g$  drops below 8, particularly for low error rates. Other cases not reported here give similar impressions.

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Confidence limits based on estimated degrees of freedom  $d$  are more variable in length than the others, since  $d_{n,s}$  has positive correlation with  $V_{n,s}$ . A fairly natural comparative measure is  $t_d \div t_{g-1}$ , the ratio of lengths of the the two Student-t intervals. However this ratio needs an adjustment for the different error rates attained by the two methods. We have plotted average  $t_d$  and  $t_{g-1}$  against empirical error rates to determine if the former is systematically larger when adjusted to a fixed error rate. Generally speaking when  $g \geq 10$  the excess is at most 4% for error rates greater than .10, up to 10% for .05 error rate, but as high as 40% when the error rate is .01. In this latter situation the variability of  $t_d$  is high. As a typical example, for the same double-exponential samples of size  $n = 24$ , with  $s = 1$ , we obtain the comparisons in Table 3; adjusted values of  $t_d \div t_{g-1}$  were obtained by crude graphical interpolation to the nominal error rate.

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The price paid for near-achievement of the nominal error rate is apparently rather slight until we approach the .01 level. One rather curious feature noted in the full set of simulations is that the  $t_d$  values seem to depend very little on  $s$ ; for the case summarized in Table 3 the average  $t_d$  values are virtually identical at  $s = 3$  and 6.

#### Case 2: The sample correlation

For  $n$  pairs  $(Y_{1j}, Y_{2j})$  the sample correlation coefficient is

$$R_n = \frac{\sum(Y_{1j} - \bar{Y}_{1.})(Y_{2j} - \bar{Y}_{2.})}{\{\sum(Y_{1j} - \bar{Y}_{1.})^2 \sum(Y_{2k} - \bar{Y}_{2.})^2\}^{\frac{1}{2}}},$$



and we take  $T_n$  to be  $\tanh^{-1} R_n$ . Not only does  $T_n$  have stable variance for elliptically symmetric distributions, but to second order it is symmetrically distributed. This underlies good performance by the jackknife method. A detailed assessment of the jackknifed correlation has been given by Duncan and Layard (1973), who report simulation studies of the approximate normal ( $t_\infty$ ) confidence intervals.

The simulations reported here all involve elliptically symmetric distributions, for which the conditional expectations are linear. The three distributions used are, with  $\rho = \text{corr}(Y_1, Y_2)$  in every case,

NORMAL - standard bivariate normal

CONTAMINATED NORMAL -  $(Z_1, Z_2)$  standard bivariate normal and

$(Y_1, Y_2) = (Z_1, Z_2)$  with probability 0.9,  $(Y_1, Y_2) = 3(Z_1, Z_2)$   
with probability 0.1

DOUBLE EXPONENTIAL -  $Y_1$  double exponential,  $Y_2 = (1-\rho^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} Y_1 + \rho Z$

where  $Z$  is double exponential independent of  $Y_1$ .

Samples sizes used were  $n = 10, 24$  and  $50$ , and correlation values ranged from  $0.0$  to  $0.9$ . We report here simulations for  $\rho = 0.6$ , with additional results for  $\rho = 0.9$  at  $n = 10$ . The behavior of the jackknife is fairly uniform with respect to  $\rho$  until  $\rho$  exceeds  $0.9$ ; see also Duncan and Layard (1973). All results for  $n = 10, 24$  are based on 500 simulations, while those for  $n = 50$  are based on 250 simulations. It is hard to make precise conclusions from such a small-scale experiment, but a fairly clear picture does emerge.

Вращение происходит

Вращение происходит вокруг оси  $z$  и имеет скорость  $\omega$ . При этом вращении  
 точки движутся по окружностям радиуса  $r$ . При этом радиус  $r$  равен  
 радиусу (1.13). При вращении точки  $M$  с угловой скоростью  $\omega$  и радиусом  $r$   
 движется по окружности радиуса  $r$  с угловой скоростью  $\omega$ . При этом радиус  $r$   
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соотношения

где  $x^I, y^I, z^I$  — координаты точки  $M$  в системе координат  $O^I$

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Table 4 displays empirical means and variances of  $T_n$ ,  $T_{n,s}^*$  and  $V_{n,s}$  for several representative cases. General features to notice are (i) the bias-removal effect of  $T_{n,s}^*$ ; (ii) the tendency for  $\text{var}(T_{n,s}^*)$  to exceed  $\text{var}(T_n)$ ; (iii) the general lack of bias in  $V_{n,s}$  (there are few exceptions); (iv) the slow increase of  $\text{var}(V_{n,s})$  with increasing  $s$ , except in the normal case, where  $\gamma_2 = 2$ ; (v) the overestimation of  $\text{var}(V_{n,s})$  by  $K_{n,s}$ .

Rather oddly, when the direct sample second and fourth moments of pseudo-values are used to estimate  $\text{var}(V_{n,s})$ , as described by Rao (1975, p.438) for example, the estimate is nearly unbiased. This suggests that the approximate theory of Section 2 is quite accurate, even for  $n$  as small as 10. However it turns out that  $K_{n,s}$  gives slightly better performance in connection with confidence limits.

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For the same simulations as above Table 5 contains empirical error rates for the three types of confidence intervals, denoted  $t_f$  with degrees of freedom  $f = \infty$  (normal approximation),  $g-1$  (no. groups minus one) and  $d = d_{n,s}$  defined by (14). The general impression is that the  $t_{g-1}$  approximation is superior to  $t_\infty$ , and is the more accurate as  $s$  increases. Also the estimated degrees of freedom method works very well for  $g \geq 10$ .

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As with the case of the sample variance earlier, the values of  $t_d$  are quite variable, particularly for error rates below .05. Since the error rates for  $t_{g-1}$  and  $t_d$  differ, the corresponding mean interval lengths are

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not directly comparable. As before, we have adjusted the mean lengths to common error rate by simple graphical interpolation. Some summaries for adjusted mean ratios of lengths are given in Table 6; results for other cases are broadly similar. On the average a small price is paid for achieving nominal error rates of .05 and higher; for error rate .01 very long intervals may be obtained using  $t_d$ .

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## 5. Tentative Conclusions and Further Remarks

The crude theoretical development in Section 2 reliably predicts two important practical results: the approximate normal jackknife confidence limits are often inaccurate even for moderately large  $n$ , and the Student- $t$  approximation with  $g-1$  degrees of freedom is better for larger  $s$ . An exception is the case of the bivariate transformed correlation when data has a bivariate normal distribution, for which the very low value of  $\gamma_2$  indicates a very accurate normal approximation. Also the efficiency of the jackknife standard error  $\sqrt{V_{n,s}}$  may be very high for  $s > 1$ , as in the case of the sample variance for a sample of  $n = 24$  double-exponential variables. Thus grouping of the data usually improves the probability accuracy of confidence limits, and may involve slight loss of efficiency. For example with a sample of  $n = 50$  pairs, a jackknife confidence interval for correlation  $\rho$  via  $z = \tanh^{-1} r$  using ten groups of size 5 would be reasonably efficient and robust in terms of true coverage probability.

Estimation of the degrees of freedom for Student- $t$  intervals can give good results for more than ten groups, apparently. Often the resulting procedure is somewhat conservative and is seemingly unstable for error rates smaller than .05. A similar method of obtaining prediction confidence intervals has been considered by Butler and Rothman (1975) in their work on cross-validation.

These tentative conclusions rest on our rather sketchy simulation experiments. Clearly more intensive simulation is needed before precise recommendations can be made.

Although the use of group size greater than one has reliability advantages, it has two disadvantages. First, random grouping of the data is



involved, which is objectionable on principle: the resulting inference is not unique. Secondly, pseudo-values for grouped data are not as capable of indicating deviant points. It is useful to realize that the pseudo-value residual  $P_{n;j} - T_n^*$  measures the influence of  $Y_j$  on  $T_n$ , and so may be used in identification of outliers; see Devlin, Gnanadesikan and Kettenring (1975).

Somewhat connected to the last remark is the idea that pseudo-values may be used to define robust estimates analogous to those for "exact" location parameters. This possibility depends on the detailed structure of representation (12). Work in progress indicates that robust correlation estimates can be obtained from robust combination of pseudo-values.

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Table 1. Empirical Properties of  $T_{n,s}^*$  and  $V_{n,s}$  when  $T_n = \log_e S_n^2$  with normal, double-exponential and exponential data; 1000 simulations in each case

case	group size s	$E(T_n)$ emp.	$E(T_n)$ theor.	$E(T_{n,s}^*)$ emp.	$\text{var}(T_n)$ emp.	$\text{var}(T_{n,s}^*)$ emp.	$E(V_{n,s})$ emp.	$\text{var}(V_{n,s})$ emp.	$\text{var}(V_{n,s})$ est.*
NOR n=50	1	0	0	.02	.041	.041	.042	.00022	.00048
	5			.02		.041	.042	.00057	.00090
NOR n=24	1	-.011	0	.036	.081	.080	.099	.0032	.0063
	3			.035		.081	.099	.0053	.0090
	6			.033		.083	.097	.0091	.0145
DEXP n=50	1	.650	.693	.699	.094	.102	.106	.0087	
	5			.699		.104	.107	.0130	
DEXP n=24	1	.595	.693	.692	.204	.233	.224	.052	.084
	3			.693		.238	.224	.068	.102
	6			.693		.240	.226	.083	.124
DEXP n=10	1	.416	.693	.640	.536	.644	.576	.404	.472
EXP n=24	1	-.141	0	-.008	.311	.396	.336	.224	.319
	3			-.008		.411	.336	.296	.395
	6			-.008		.416	.333	.291	.394

\*empirical mean of  $K_{n,s}$

Table 1.1. Thermal Properties of the and from the data of the present investigation are presented in the form of the following table

Case	Group	$\Delta T$ (°C)	$\Delta T$ (°C)	$\Delta T$ (°C)	$\Delta T$ (°C)	$\Delta T$ (°C)	$\Delta T$ (°C)	$\Delta T$ (°C)	$\Delta T$ (°C)
1000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1000	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1000	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1000	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1000	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1000	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1000	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1000	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1000	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1000	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1000	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1000	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1000	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1000	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1000	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1000	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1000	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1000	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1000	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1000	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1000	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1000	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1000	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1000	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1000	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1000	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1000	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1000	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1000	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1000	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1000	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1000	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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1000	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1000	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1000	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1000	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1000	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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1000	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1000	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1000	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1000	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1000	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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1000	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1000	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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1000	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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1000	66	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1000	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1000	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1000	69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1000	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1000	71	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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1000	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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1000	99	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Table 2. Empirical error rates for jackknife confidence intervals for variance

sample size group size	nominal error rate	normal			double- exponential			exponential		
		$t_{\infty}$	$t_{g-1}$	$t_d$	$t_{\infty}$	$t_{g-1}$	$t_d$	$t_{\infty}$	$t_{g-1}$	$t_d$
n=10 s=1 g=10	.2	.220	.177	.159	.280	.254	.237	.280	.254	.214
	.1	.116	.096	.085	.187	.156	.145	.187	.156	.129
	.05	.082	.056	.050	.140	.105	.098	.140	.105	.087
	.01	.034	.012	.011	.091	.045	.046	.081	.045	.037
n=24 s=1 g=24	.2	.181	.168	.150	.255	.242	.204	.320	.319	.239
	.1	.098	.087	.076	.166	.148	.112	.217	.197	.146
	.05	.057	.050	.040	.108	.092	.064	.157	.146	.093
	.01	.015	.011	.008	.045	.031	.018	.092	.081	.036
n=24 s=3 g=8	.2	.211	.165	.166	.295	.256	.234	.333	.291	.258
	.1	.116	.072	.080	.197	.155	.150	.239	.193	.173
	.05	.065	.037	.039	.139	.085	.090	.181	.133	.109
	.01	.027	.003	.006	.067	.020	.031	.113	.050	.051
n=24 s=6 g=4	.2	.271	.174	.186	.330	.237	.243	.365	.269	.269
	.1	.173	.076	.087	.234	.129	.138	.268	.163	.179
	.05	.120	.039	.046	.182	.063	.081	.210	.090	.121
	.01	.066	.005	.016	.098	.012	.027	.143	.022	.049
n=50 s=1 g=50	.2	.228	.224	.205	.242	.234	.200	(not sampled)		
	.1	.115	.104	.089	.134	.128	.106			
	.05	.061	.056	.043	.092	.084	.062			
	.01	.030	.012	.016	.054	.020	.038			
n=50 s=5 g=10	.2	.242	.215	.210	.268	.242	.238			
	.1	.141	.092	.104	.150	.120	.126			
	.05	.077	.049	.048	.100	.072	.084			
	.01	.030	.012	.016	.054	.020	.038			



Table 3. Comparison of lengths of Student-t intervals  
Double-exponential samples size n=24, s=1

normal error rate	.2	.1	.05	.01
$t_{g-1}$	1.319	1.714	2.069	2.807
ave. $t_d$	1.474	2.021	2.599	4.236
s.e. $t_d$	0.14	0.30	0.54	1.66
mean adjusted $t_d \div t_{g-1}$	1.00	1.03	1.11	1.37
s.e. adjusted $t_d \div t_{g-1}$	0.11	0.17	0.26	0.59



Table 4. Empirical Properties of  $T_{n,s}^*$  and  $V_{n,s}$  when  $T_n = \tanh^{-1}(R_n)$  with bivariate normal (NOR), contaminated bivariate normal (CONT) and bivariate double exponential (DEXP); 500 simulations for  $n = 10, 24$  and 250 simulations for  $n = 50$ .

case	group size s	$E(T_n)$		$E(T_{n,s})$	$\text{var}(T_n)$	$\text{var}(T_{n,s})$	$E(V_{n,s})$	$\text{var}(V_{n,s})$	
		emp.	theor.	emp.	emp.	emp.	emp.	emp.	est.*
NOR n=10 r=.9	1	1.527	1.472	1.439	.1338	.1390	.1746	.0152	.0257
NOR n=24 r=.6	1 3	0.706	0.693	0.689 0.691	.0487	.0472 .0479	.0516 .0534	.00053 .00117	.00097 .00177
NOR n=50 r=.6	1 5	0.703	0.693	0.696 0.696	.0216	.0212 .0213	.0218 .0225	.000034 .000122	.000075 .000167
CONT n=10 r=.9	1	1.589	1.472	1.498	.219	.319	.282	.086	.124
CONT n=24 r=.6	1 3	0.726	0.693	0.703 0.705	.108	.137 .137	.109 .106	.0117 .0125	.0166 .0175
CONT n=50	1 5	0.711	0.693	0.696 0.696	.0589	.0698 .0701	.0554 .0545	.00120 .00215	.0031 .0033
DEXP n=10 r=.9	1	1.542	1.472	1.457	.238	.287	.288	.0711	.105
DEXP n=24 r=.6	1 3	0.728	0.693	0.702 .0702	.0626	.0689 .0704	.0803 .0795	.0038 .0043	.0056 .0064
DEXP n=50 r=.6	1 5	0.707	0.693	0.694 0.694	.0305	.0317 .0322	.0333 .0328	.00035 .00061	.00051 .00082

\*empirical mean of  $K_{n,s}$

Table 4. Results of the investigation of the effect of the concentration of the solution of the active substance on the rate of the reaction. The results are given in the form of the rate constants  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  (min<sup>-1</sup>) and the activation energy  $E_a$  (kJ/mol).

Concentration of the solution of the active substance, g/l	Rate constant $k_1$ , min <sup>-1</sup>	Rate constant $k_2$ , min <sup>-1</sup>	Activation energy $E_a$ , kJ/mol	Concentration of the solution of the active substance, g/l	Rate constant $k_1$ , min <sup>-1</sup>	Rate constant $k_2$ , min <sup>-1</sup>	Activation energy $E_a$ , kJ/mol
0.025	0.00017	0.00017	17.40	0.025	0.00017	0.00017	17.40
0.050	0.00034	0.00034	17.40	0.050	0.00034	0.00034	17.40
0.075	0.00051	0.00051	17.40	0.075	0.00051	0.00051	17.40
0.100	0.00068	0.00068	17.40	0.100	0.00068	0.00068	17.40
0.125	0.00085	0.00085	17.40	0.125	0.00085	0.00085	17.40
0.150	0.00102	0.00102	17.40	0.150	0.00102	0.00102	17.40
0.175	0.00119	0.00119	17.40	0.175	0.00119	0.00119	17.40
0.200	0.00136	0.00136	17.40	0.200	0.00136	0.00136	17.40
0.225	0.00153	0.00153	17.40	0.225	0.00153	0.00153	17.40
0.250	0.00170	0.00170	17.40	0.250	0.00170	0.00170	17.40
0.275	0.00187	0.00187	17.40	0.275	0.00187	0.00187	17.40
0.300	0.00204	0.00204	17.40	0.300	0.00204	0.00204	17.40
0.325	0.00221	0.00221	17.40	0.325	0.00221	0.00221	17.40
0.350	0.00238	0.00238	17.40	0.350	0.00238	0.00238	17.40
0.375	0.00255	0.00255	17.40	0.375	0.00255	0.00255	17.40
0.400	0.00272	0.00272	17.40	0.400	0.00272	0.00272	17.40
0.425	0.00289	0.00289	17.40	0.425	0.00289	0.00289	17.40
0.450	0.00306	0.00306	17.40	0.450	0.00306	0.00306	17.40
0.475	0.00323	0.00323	17.40	0.475	0.00323	0.00323	17.40
0.500	0.00340	0.00340	17.40	0.500	0.00340	0.00340	17.40
0.525	0.00357	0.00357	17.40	0.525	0.00357	0.00357	17.40
0.550	0.00374	0.00374	17.40	0.550	0.00374	0.00374	17.40
0.575	0.00391	0.00391	17.40	0.575	0.00391	0.00391	17.40
0.600	0.00408	0.00408	17.40	0.600	0.00408	0.00408	17.40
0.625	0.00425	0.00425	17.40	0.625	0.00425	0.00425	17.40
0.650	0.00442	0.00442	17.40	0.650	0.00442	0.00442	17.40
0.675	0.00459	0.00459	17.40	0.675	0.00459	0.00459	17.40
0.700	0.00476	0.00476	17.40	0.700	0.00476	0.00476	17.40
0.725	0.00493	0.00493	17.40	0.725	0.00493	0.00493	17.40
0.750	0.00510	0.00510	17.40	0.750	0.00510	0.00510	17.40
0.775	0.00527	0.00527	17.40	0.775	0.00527	0.00527	17.40
0.800	0.00544	0.00544	17.40	0.800	0.00544	0.00544	17.40
0.825	0.00561	0.00561	17.40	0.825	0.00561	0.00561	17.40
0.850	0.00578	0.00578	17.40	0.850	0.00578	0.00578	17.40
0.875	0.00595	0.00595	17.40	0.875	0.00595	0.00595	17.40
0.900	0.00612	0.00612	17.40	0.900	0.00612	0.00612	17.40
0.925	0.00629	0.00629	17.40	0.925	0.00629	0.00629	17.40
0.950	0.00646	0.00646	17.40	0.950	0.00646	0.00646	17.40
0.975	0.00663	0.00663	17.40	0.975	0.00663	0.00663	17.40
1.000	0.00680	0.00680	17.40	1.000	0.00680	0.00680	17.40

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Table 5. Empirical error rates of jackknife confidence intervals for correlation

sample size group size correlation	nominal error rate	normal			cont. normal			dbl.-expl.		
		$t_{\infty}$	$t_{g-1}$	$t_d$	$t_{\infty}$	$t_{g-1}$	$t_d$	$t_{\infty}$	$t_{g-1}$	$t_d$
n=10	.2	.204	.178	.160	.266	.226	.172	.280	.236	.192
s=1	.1	.122	.096	.082	.133	.102	.076	.158	.098	.076
g=10	.05	.076	.048	.042	.086	.060	.036	.084	.054	.042
r=.9	.01	.030	.014	.010	.040	.012	.010	.034	.014	.006
n=24	.2	.200	.188	.174	.306	.284	.224	.212	.188	.154
s=1	.1	.122	.112	.094	.174	.166	.104	.120	.106	.074
g=24	.05	.072	.056	.044	.104	.096	.054	.060	.048	.030
r=.6	.01	.028	.016	.010	.040	.022	.010	.022	.014	.008
n=24	.2	.220	.184	.180	.342	.280	.246	.236	.200	.162
s=3	.1	.142	.100	.094	.200	.156	.122	.134	.109	.078
g=8	.05	.086	.052	.052	.144	.088	.056	.084	.044	.042
r=.6	.01	.036	.006	.020	.062	.018	.016	.036	.006	.010
n=50	.2	.212	.212	.208	.300	.284	.232	.232	.224	.200
s=1	.1	.108	.100	.092	.172	.168	.096	.116	.104	.080
g=50	.05	.060	.052	.036	.120	.112	.044	.044	.032	.020
r=.6	.01	.008	.008	.004	.036	.020	.012	.016	.012	.008
n=50	.2	.244	.208	.208	.312	.280	.256	.264	.232	.208
s=5	.1	.144	.128	.128	.216	.168	.116	.136	.092	.084
g=10	.05	.104	.064	.060	.136	.076	.044	.080	.052	.040
r=.6	.01	.044	.008	.004	.044	.004	.008	.036	.008	.008



Table 6. Adjusted mean ratio and s.d. of confidence interval length for  $t_d$  and  $t_{g-1}$

	contaminated normal $n=24, s=1, \rho=0.6$			contaminated normal $n=50, s=1, \rho=0.6$			double exponential $n=10, s=1, \rho=0.9$		
nominal error rate =	.1	.05	.01	.1	.05	.01	.1	.05	.01
$t_{g-1}$	1.714	2.069	2.807	1.677	2.009	2.680	1.833	2.262	3.250
mean $t_d$	2.065	2.678	4.468	2.021	2.594	4.192	2.536	2.803	4.816
mean adjusted $t_d \div t_{g-1}$	1.00	1.02	1.08	1.00	1.06	1.38	1.08	1.14	1.22
s.d. adjusted $t_d \div t_{g-1}$	.18	.28	.65	.15	.23	.52	.17	.25	.56

estimated  $\sigma^2 = \sigma^2_{-1}$       .10   .20   .30   .40   .50   .60   .70   .80   .90

mean estimated  $\sigma^2 = \sigma^2_{-1}$       1.00   1.00   1.00   1.00   1.00   1.00   1.00   1.00   1.00

mean  $\sigma^2$       1.0000   1.0000   1.0000   1.0000   1.0000   1.0000   1.0000   1.0000   1.0000

$\sigma^2_{-1}$       1.0000   1.0000   1.0000   1.0000   1.0000   1.0000   1.0000   1.0000   1.0000

mean error mean =      .1   .02   .01   .1   .02   .01   .1   .02   .01

$\sigma^2 = \sigma^2_{-1} = 0.0$       normal      normal      normal      normal      normal      normal      normal      normal      normal

interval length for  $\sigma^2$  and  $\sigma^2_{-1}$   
sample 2: estimated mean  $\sigma^2$  and  $\sigma^2_{-1}$  of confidence